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Amendment and Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002 (Paper No.11), please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 5 with:

--This application claims priority to U.S. provisional Application Serial No.:

60/167,800, filed on November 29, 1999 and entitled "Pin1 As A Marker For Abnormal

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Cell Growth”, and to U.S. provisional Application Serial No.: 60/253,676, filed on November 28, 2000 and entitled “Pin1 As A Marker For Abnormal Cell Growth”, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by this reference. This application is related to PCT application PCT/US00/32560, filed on even date herewith and entitled “Pin1 As A Marker For Abnormal Cell Growth”, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein in their entirety by this reference.--

In the claims, please cancel claims 27-68 and amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of detecting abnormal cell growth in a mammal, comprising assessing the level of Pin1 in a test sample from the mammal, wherein an elevation in the levels of Pin1 in said mammal when compared to a control sample is indicative of abnormal cell growth.

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10. (Amended) A method of detecting abnormal cell growth in a mammal, comprising the steps of:
(a) detecting a level of Pin1 in a test sample; and
(b) comparing the level of Pin1 in the test sample with a control sample,
and wherein a difference in the level of Pin1 in the test sample when compared to a control sample is indicative of abnormal cell growth in the mammal.

Remarks

Claims 1-68 were pending in the application. Please cancel claims 27-68 without prejudice, as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Accordingly, after the amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 1-26 will be pending. A Version with Markings to Show Changes Made is presented in Appendix A. For the Examiner's convenience all of the pending claims are set forth in Appendix B. Support for the amendments to claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Specifically, support for the amendments to claims 1 and 10 can be found at, for example, page 3, lines 14-17 of the specification.